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Title : CIRCUIT CONFIGURATION FOR DRIVING A  
SEMICONDUCTOR SWITCHING ELEMENT AND  
METHOD FOR SAME



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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:


U.S. Patent 5,977,814 (Ishii), dated November 2, 1999;

German Patent Application DE 196 12 984 C2 (Taruya et al.), dated April 1, 1999, ignition device for a combustion machine;

European Patent Application 0 501 481 A2 (Kobatake), dated September 2, 1992;

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